

Headcorn Morris

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The Queen's Head

Ashford Road, Kingsnorth, TN23 3ED

Open All Day

Food Available

Beer Garden

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**Meet us there on Thursday 12th May
at 8.15pm**

What is Morris Dancing?

Morris dancing as we recognise it today was collected in the late 19th and early 20th centuries from the south midlands. Its origins however are much older; not in some pre-Christian pagan ritual but in the courts of the Kings of Europe. Developed from the moresco (a dance 'in the style of the moors') it became a central part of court entertainment during the 15th and 16th centuries. Over the next 550 years it spread out to the countryside and has survived everything that the authorities from the Puritans to the Victorians could do to abolish it. This century, the government recognised its importance by exempting it from the requirements of the Public Entertainment Licences legislation.

The Headcorn Men started dancing in 1973; the Ladies in 1978. We started the tradition of dancing at sunrise on May Day - a practice which we continue to this day on Headcorn Green.

We have taken the name of Headcorn far afield with visits to festivals from Estonia to the Basque Country and even over to Boston USA.

We dance Cotswold Morris, with sticks, bells and handkerchiefs. Some of the dances are traditional, collected in the early 20th century, but many are in Headcorn's own tradition.

New members are always welcome.
Please contact us, or check our website.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

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2011

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Evening Programme

(Thursday unless otherwise stated)

We meet at 8:15pm. After dancing, we adjourn to the hostelry named where we will often sing and play. You are very welcome to join us, and to join in if you wish.

05 May	Red Lion, Lenham, ME17 2PG
12 May	Queen's Head, Kingsnorth, TN23 3ED
19 May	United Services, Gillingham, ME7 1HR (with Bishop Gundulph's Morris)
26 May	Red Lion, Badlesmere, ME13 0NX
02 June	Bull Inn, Linton, ME17 4AW
09 June	Black Horse, Pluckley, TN27 0QS
16 June	Wheel, Westwell, TN25 4LQ (with East Kent Morris)
23 June	King's Head, Grafty Green, ME17 2AN (with Boughton Monchelsea Morris)
30 June	Blacksmith's Arms, Wormshill, ME9 0TU (with Kits Coty Morris)
Monday 04 July	Man of Kent, East Peckham, TN12 5LA (as guests of Frog Island Morris)
14 July	George & Dragon, Headcorn, TN27 9NL
21 July	Woolpack, Benover, ME18 6AS (with Kettlebridge Clog)
28 July	Red Lion, Charing Heath, TN27 0AU
04 August	Chequers, Loose, ME15 0BL
11 August	Albion, Faversham, ME13 7DH
18 August	Beaver Inn, South Ashford, TN23 7SP
Friday 26 August	Man of Kent, Rochester, ME1 1YN

Special Events Programme

In addition to our regular evening programme we perform at various other events during the year, many of which are open to the public.

Please contact us for further details.

Saturday 16 April 1200-1600	Event in honour of St George's Day, Horton Kirby & South Darent Village Hall, DA4 9AX
Friday 29 April	Royal Wedding Garden Party at The Wheel, Westwell, TN25 4LQ
Sunday 01 May 0528 1000—1100 1200—1600 1800	May Day Tour – including: Headcorn Green, TN27 9QT Bowl Water, TN3 8JH (near the cafe) Jack in the Green Festival, Hastings Sea Front, Castle & Old Town Kings Head, Grafty Green, ME17 2AN
Saturday 14 May	Joint Morris Organisations' Day of Dance, Sheffield
Friday 20 May	Wedding in Rochester, followed by tour of the city
Saturday 18 June	Wedding in Canterbury, followed by tour of the city
Saturday 25 June	11.00 & 14.00: Headcorn Village Flower Festival 1230-1330: George & Dragon, Headcorn, TN27 9NL
Friday 08 July to Sunday 10 July	Sompting Village Morris Ale, Sompting, West Sussex
Saturday 23 July	Dead Horse Morris Ale, Whitstable
Sunday 07 August	Broadstairs Folk Festival
Saturday 03 September	On tour with Oyster Morris: Wye Farmers Market, Honest Miller at Brook, and MalcFest 2011 at The Bowl, Charing, TN27 0HG